

I claim:

1. A computerized system for keyboard control of at least one display device characteristic comprising:
 - a computer having at least a processor, a memory, and a basic input/output system (BIOS);
 - a display device operatively coupled to the computer; and,
 - a keyboard operatively coupled to the computer for entry of one or more predetermined sequences of one or more keystrokes by a user of the computer, each predetermined sequence controlling a characteristic of the display device through the BIOS,

wherein the display device is responsive to at least one display control command from the computer, each display control command associated with a characteristic of the display device.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein actuation of a predetermined sequence of one or more keystrokes causes the computer to send a display control command associated with the predetermined sequence to the display device to change a characteristic associated with the display control command.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the characteristics of the display device include at least one characteristic selected from the group of characteristics comprising contrast, vertical sizing, vertical positioning, horizontal sizing, horizontal positioning, pin cushion, rotation, trapezoid, and brightness.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the characteristics of the display device include audio controls.
5. A computerized system for keyboard control of at least one display device characteristic, the system comprising:

a display device responsive to at least one display control command, each display control command associated with a characteristic of the display device;

a computer keyboard having a plurality of keys for entry of one or more predetermined sequences of one or more keystrokes by a user of the computer, each predetermined sequence corresponding to a display control command of the display device; and,

a basic input/output system (BIOS) operatively coupled to the display device and the keyboard, the BIOS in response to detecting a predetermined sequence of keystrokes entered by the user on the keyboard operatively sending the display device a corresponding display control command.

6. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the display device is a monitor comprising a cathode-ray tube (CRT).

7. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the display device is integrated into a housing of the computer and comprises a flat-panel display.

8. The computerized system of claim 7, wherein the computer is a portable computer.

9. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the at least one display control command includes a command associated with a brightness characteristic of the display device, a command associated with a contrast characteristic of the display device, a command associated with a vertical sizing characteristic, a command associated with a vertical positioning characteristic, a command associated with a horizontal sizing characteristic, a command associated with a horizontal positioning characteristic, a command associated with a pin cushion characteristic, a command associated with a rotation characteristic, a command associated with a trapezoid characteristic, and a command associated with a brightness characteristic.

10. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the at least one display control command includes a command associated with an audio controls characteristic of the display device.

11. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the display device is Plug-and-Play compliant.

12. The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the computer runs a Microsoft Windows operating system.

13. A basic input/output system (BIOS) for keyboard control of at least one display device characteristic, operatively coupled to a display device responsive to at least one display control command, each display control command associated with a characteristic of the display device, the BIOS also operatively coupled to a computer keyboard having a plurality of keys for entry of one or more predetermined sequences of one or more keystrokes by a user of the computer, each predetermined sequence corresponding to a display control command of the display device, the BIOS comprising:

detecting means for detecting a predetermined sequence of keystrokes entered by the user on the keyboard; and,

sending means for sending the display device a display control command corresponding to the predetermined sequence of keystrokes detected by the detecting means.

14. The BIOS of claim 13, wherein the BIOS is executed from a random-access memory (RAM) of the computer.

15. The BIOS of claim 13, wherein the BIOS is stored on an integrated circuit (IC) chip of the computer.

16. The BIOS of claim 13, wherein the BIOS is stored on a hard disk drive (HDD) of the computer.

17. A computer having keyboard control of at least one display device characteristic, the computer operatively coupled to a display device responsive to at least one display control command, each display control command associated with a characteristic of the display device, the computer also operatively coupled to a computer keyboard having a plurality of keys for entry of one or more predetermined sequences of one or more keystrokes by a user of the computer, each predetermined sequence corresponding to a display control command of the display device, the computer comprising:

a storage device; and,

a basic input/output system (BIOS) residing within the storage device, the BIOS in response to detecting a predetermined sequence of keystrokes entered by the user on the keyboard sending the display device a display control command corresponding to the predetermined sequence of keystrokes detected.

18. The computer of claim 17, the computer further comprising a random-access memory (RAM) and the BIOS executed from the RAM.

19. The computer of claim 17, wherein the storage device is a hard disk drive (HDD).

20. The computer of claim 17, wherein the storage device is a read-only memory (ROM).

21. A computer-readable storage medium having a BIOS computer program executable on a suitable configured computer, the computer operatively coupled to a display device responsive to at least one display control command, each display control command associated with a characteristic of the display device, the computer also operatively coupled to a computer keyboard having a plurality of keys for entry of one

or more predetermined sequences of one or more keystrokes by a user of the computer, each predetermined sequence corresponding to a display control command of the display device, the computer program comprising:

detecting means for detecting a predetermined sequence of keystrokes entered by the user on the keyboard; and,

sending means for sending the display device a display control command corresponding to the predetermined sequence of keystrokes detected by the detecting means.

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